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FOR: PROCESS FOR INCREASING THE YIELD IN PLANTS BY
STABLY INTERGRATED RECOMBINANT POLYPEPTIDES

DECLARATION SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Honorable Commissioner
Of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 21, 2003

Sir:

I, Dr. Jörg Riemeyer of the PlantTec Biotechnologie GmbH F&E, Germany,
do hereby declare the following:

I have attached a copy of my curriculum vitae to this Declaration.

I am CEO of PlantTec Biotechnologie GmbH F&E and one of the inventors
of the above referenced application and supervised the experiments described
below.

I am familiar with the above referenced patent application, as well as the
development, usages and properties of polymer compounds.

I have read and understand the subject matter of the Office Action of April
3, 2003.

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- The following comments are offered in support of the patentability of the instant invention.
- The statement "such a transporter preferably is of plant origin (for example EMBL Genbank Accession No. G21319)," which appears on page 3, lines 22-24 of the Specification is a typographical error. This identifier should have read "GI: 21319" or "gi: 21319." These are the identifiers that appear in Genbank. We have enclosed a copy of the protein database information that contains these identifiers. The typographical error was inadvertent and was not noticed during the proof reading prior to submission of the application.

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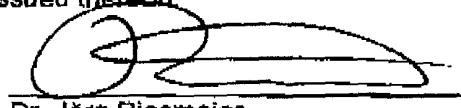
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DATED: 23.09.2003



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